



Labor & Public Employees Committee

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent 99% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

SB 321 "An Act Concerning Expanding Workers' Compensation Coverage for PTSI for All Employees"

SB 321 would expand workers' compensation benefits for mental or emotional impairments to cover all workers.

The creation of PA 19-17, which allows firefighters and police officers to obtain certain Workers' Compensation benefits when they are diagnosed with post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI), was the result of over a year-long series of extensive discussions between the various stakeholders. The considerations were absent political ideology and focused on the greater good of our first responders along with the property taxpayers of Connecticut. Each party involved in the development of the legislation dealt in good faith and was willing to compromise in order to create a meaningful and realistic legislation.

Based on the initial review of this proposed legislation, it appears that no modifications are made to the benefits, process, standards and other specifics of the law, which were heavily negotiated in PA 19-17. If the committee passes this legislation, CCM would ask that no modifications be made to the current benefit framework for PTSI.

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